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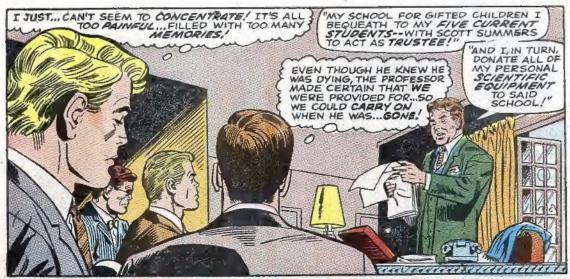
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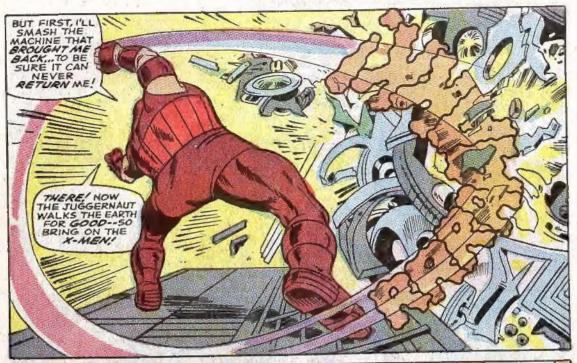


















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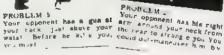
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-Smiley



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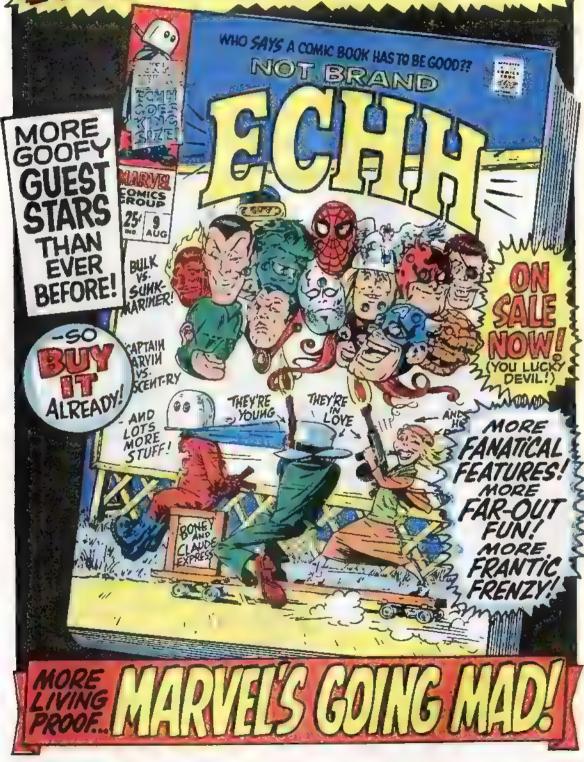
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Dear Stan, Gary, and Don,

"There is a time for words - a time when they can lift men's spirits - or change the shape of history yet unwritten! A time when they can explain away - and a time when they can offer the balm of soluce to the aching heart - but. as the shocked and saddened X-Men watch the tearful Angel lift the limp form of Charles Xavier from amidst the stillsmoking debris, it is a time for naught - save SILENCE - 1" Well, I abided by this for five days, but now it is time to speak. You took a serious risk killing Professor X, but in doing this, you have proved that you have the best and most realistic comic magazines in existence. I must congratulate Don on drawing the most dramatic scene in the history of Marvel. It would be most unrealistic to bring him back, so don't do this unless the vote is 90% in favor of doing so, please, I cannot use the usual ending on the subject of X-MEN #42-there can never be 'nuff said!

Louis Davidson, 104 Westover Dr. S.W. Calgary, Alta., Canada

We're glad you feel that way, Louis — 'cause so do we! And we also don't think there's much possibility of the Professor's return, It's not as if he merely disappeared or was last seen in the path of an avalanche! The X-Men themselves were present at his death, and no one would wish it were otherwise more than they would! Even a 90% vote can't change what must be!

Dear Stan, Gary, and Don,
He was a kind, good, gentle man, a decent life led he.
The X-Men, his students, called him Sir, and they kept the free world free.

Mistrusted, mistreated, cursed were they,

but they did but reply,
"We'll rid the world of evil souls!" — and surely they did try.

He taught them all he could and more he gave them all he had,

Assassins tried to still this man, and truly they were mad.

A sickness came upon his body - the condition, it grew red.

He saved the world just one more time -Professor X is dead!

Robert Rapp, 1823 W. Shannon Spokane, Wash. 99205

With heartfelt thanks and sincerity, We thank you for your elegy.



Dear Stan, Gary, and Don, I just finished reading X-MEN #43 and the story was great, but I hereby award an "F" in both high school biology and physics to whoever is responsible for the statement that Scott's eyes store sunlight like plants, converting the light to energy by a process like photosynthesis. First, light IS energy. Second, photosynthesis is the utilization of the sun's energy to make carbohydrates (sugar and starches) from carbon dioxide and water. Foce front, guysl

Carol Baldwin, Oceanography Dept. Univ. of Wash., Seattle, Wash. 98105

Okay, okayl We did it again! We goofed - but not completely! We didn't say, "like photosynthesis" — we said, "not unlike photosynthesis"! (Double negatives always seem to make things less positive, huh?) Also, we didn't just say that the light is converted into common, ordinary energy — we said that Scott's power converts light into "irresistible" energy! You've gotta admit that's more than an implication of intensification! But, for our failure to clarify, we'll send you a chloro-phyll-coated no-prize. Face front, Caroll



Dear Stan, Gary, and Don,

There are no words I can possibly use to describe X-MEN #42. I think the artwork was absolutely great. I was even tempted to cut out and pin up page 15 showing Warren carrying the professor, but I didn't want to wrinkle the book. I've also been thinking about something else you should do.
At the rate people are getting killed in your mags, why
not change your Mighty Marvel Checklist to the Mighty
Marvel Obituary column? As for your bonus origins, please
try to speed them up. Jerry Cosentino, 960 Palmer St. Wooster, Ohio

Wa're trying, Jer - but with all the other spectacular surprises we're working on right now, we can't guarantee any Olympic track record on the origins! Of course, we could cut things short by leaving out a lot of details, but you wouldn't want that, would you? Well, would you?! And you can't expect us to call the Checklist an obituary column with all the additions that are being made to groups like the Avengers and (someday) the Fantastic Four, can you? So, hang loose! And whatever you do, always remember that femous Forbush phrase "Don't wrinkle the book!"

Don't get frantic, faithful ones! We haven't permanently cut our liltin' letters section to one page. We just needed an extra page this month for a senses-shattering special announcement which you'll find elsewhere in this ish! Next month everything will be back to normal, meaning two full pages of your cavortin' correspondence and your batty Bullpen's agonizin' answers! We promise, pussycat!







